

Claims

1. A tow cable termination for sustaining the tensile load when an object is towed at high speeds at the end of a cable, the termination comprising a closed eye bolt attached to the cable and a U-bolt looped through the eye bolt and attached to the object.
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2. A termination as claimed in claim 1 wherein the U-bolt is attached to the object so as to protrude from the object.
3. A termination as claimed in claim 1 or 2 comprising a cable barrel mounted to the end of the cable, the eye bolt being releasably attachable to the cable barrel.
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4. A termination as claimed in claim 1, 2 or 3 wherein the eye bolt has an aperture for allowing at least part of the cable to extend through to connect to the object.
5. A termination as claimed in any preceding claim comprising an interface piece adapted to connect the U-bolt to the object and to permit pivotal motion therebetween.
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6. A termination as claimed in claim 5 wherein the exterior of the interface piece and the interior of the object have matching spherical sliding surfaces which permit sliding therebetween.
- 20 7. A termination as claimed in claim 5 or 6 comprising seals between the object and the interface piece for preventing water and/or dust ingress.
8. A termination as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the U-bolt is threaded at the ends and attached to the object by nuts threaded there onto.
- 25 9. A termination as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the eye bolt and/or the U-bolt is/are coated with a low friction material.